

Listing of the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

1. **(Currently amended)** A method for modifying a multilayer film, said method comprising (a) providing a multilayer film which had been stretched during the film production; (b) heating the film at a temperature below its melting point; and (c) orienting the film uniaxially in the machine direction at a draw-down ratio effective to cause the film to delaminate and to give the film a dart-drop strength that increases with increasing draw-down ratio, wherein the film consists of ~~layers selected from the group consisting of at least one layer of a~~ linear low density polyethylene (LLDPE) ~~and at least one layer of a~~ high density polyethylene (HDPE), ~~or a~~ medium density polyethylene (MDPE), ~~and mixtures thereof; wherein the film is oriented in step (c) by feeding the heated film from step (b) into a slow draw roll and then pulling the film through a fast draw roll, and wherein the fast draw roll has a speed that is 6 to 10 times faster than the slow draw roll; and wherein the draw-down ratio is greater than 6:1.~~
2. **(Original)** The method of claim 1 wherein the HDPE has a density within the range of 0.941 g/cm³ to 0.970 g/cm³.
3. **(Original)** The method of claim 1 wherein the MDPE has a density within the range of 0.926 g/cm³ to 0.940 g/cm³.
4. **(Original)** The method of claim 1 wherein the LLDPE has a density within the range of 0.865 to 0.925 g/cm³.
5. **(Canceled).**
6. **(Original)** The method of claim 1 wherein the film is oriented at a draw-down ratio to give the film a dart-drop strength greater than that of the original film.

7. **(Original)** The method of claim 1 wherein the LLDPE, HDPE, and MDPE each has a weight average molecular weight (Mw) within the range of 120,000 to 1,000,000.
8. **(Original)** The method of claim 7 wherein the Mw is within the range of 135,000 to 500,000.
9. **(Original)** The method of claim 7 wherein the Mw is within the range of 140,000 to 250,000.
10. **(Original)** The method of claim 1 wherein the LLDPE, HDPE, and MDPE each has a number average molecular weight (Mn) within the range of 10,000 to 500,000.
11. **(Original)** The method of claim 10 wherein the Mn is within the range of 11,000 to 50,000.
12. **(Original)** The method of claim 10 wherein the Mn is within the range 11,000 to 35,000.
13. **(Original)** An oriented film made by the method of claim 1.
14. **(Canceled).**
15. **(Canceled).**
16. **(Canceled).**
17. **(Canceled).**
18. **(Canceled).**
19. **(Canceled).**

20. (Currently amended) The method of claim 1, wherein the multilayer film is an LLDPE/MDPE/LLDPE three-layer film, wherein LLDPE layers are the outer layers and MDPE is the middle layer.

21. (Currently amended) The method of claim 1, wherein the multilayer film is an LLDPE/HDPE/LLDPE three-layer film, wherein LLDPE layers are the outer layers and HDPE is the middle layer.

22. (Currently amended) The method of claim 1, wherein the multilayer film is an MDPE/LLDPE/MDPE three-layer film, wherein MDPE layers are the outer layers and LLDPE is the middle layer.

23. (Currently amended) The method of claim 1, wherein the multilayer film is an HDPE/LLDPE/HDPE three-layer film, wherein HDPE layers are the outer layers and LLDPE is the middle layer.

24. (Currently amended) The method of claim 1, wherein the multilayer film is an HDPE/LLDPE/MDPE three-layer film, wherein HDPE and MDPE are the outer layers and LLDPE is middle layer.